

Farmers' Department.

TO MAKE FARMING PROFITABLE.—Every beginner in farming, by securing the following essentials, will succeed: Buy no more land than there is capital enough to pay for with one third more for surplus. A small farm free from debt, with plenty of means to stock it, and carry on the work, will yield more than a larger one encumbered with debt, conducted feebly in every part, with bad fences, poor implements, bony animals, weedy fields and thin crops.

Lay out the fields in good order, so as to give ready access to every field at all times, passing through other fields.

Provide good fences and necessary gates, and valuable time will not be lost in driving out intruding animals, nor crops lost by their depredations.

Furnish good farm buildings to secure properly the crops, and to afford shelter to animals.

Select the best animals and the best implements that can be secured for a reasonable price.

Bring the soil into good condition by manuring and draining, and keep it so by a judicious rotation.

Effect a clear and systematic arrangement of all the work, so that there shall be no clashing or confusion.

Employ diligence and energy, and adopt careful management.

THE FRENCH PRESERVE GRAPES the year round by coating the clusters with lime. The bunches are picked just before they are thoroughly ripe, and dipped in lime-water of the consistency of thin cream. They are hung on wires, and when dry are dipped the second time, and then hung up to remain. The lime coating keeps out air and checks any tendency to decay. When wanted for the table, dip the clusters in warm water to remove the lime.

PROFITS OF A FLOCK OF SHEEP.—The Maine Farmer publishes a statement received from Mr. S. Dinsmore, of Norridgewood, who, the Farmer says, has a fine flock of high grade Spanish merinos, and who is one of the most systematic and thorough farmers in Somerset county, regarding the cost and profit of his flock of sheep for the year 1862. Commencing in January, 1862, with one hundred sheep, Mr. D. had, in January, 1863, ninety-nine sheep, having lost one during the year. The clip of wool averaged a fraction over five pounds fourteen ounces per head, and reckoning the lambs sold, the entire proceeds of the flock were a little over \$6,750 per head. He estimated the cost of keeping the sheep—as the price of hay was in 1862—at \$3 per head for the year, including winter keeping, pasturing, salt, washing and shearing. This leaves a clear profit of \$3,750 per head, or \$375 on the whole flock, saying nothing of the value of the manure manufactured. During the months of December and February, being an average of the weather for the winter, Mr. D. weighed the hay consumed by his flock, and found that the average amount consumed by each sheep, was two pounds ten ounces per day.

CALIFORNIA TEA AND COFFEE.—The cultivation of coffee and tea promises to become an important business in California. One nursery at Sacramento has five thousand plants on trial, and it is believed that there will be no difficulty in bringing up the plant to a standard of hardiness to weather the mild winter of that climate. Near the Mission Delores several thousand tea plants have been raised during the past year. The tea plant is grown in China and Japan very extensively in latitudes corresponding to all California, and the San Francisco journals say there can be little doubt that it will be cultivated hereafter for household purposes at least on every farm in that State.

WOOL AND WOOLLEN.—The United States Economist says: "For the first time since the introduction into the markets of the world, as an article of merchandise, it has come to pass, that raw cotton is selling for sixty per cent. more than an average quality of American fleece wool."

"It is impossible for the two articles of wool and cotton to remain long in their relative positions. Either wool must advance greatly or cotton must decline immensely."

War and devastation have caused the scarcity of cotton, and consequently, its high price; while, at the same time, wool and flax, the only articles that can take the place of cotton, have advanced largely in price, as a natural result. Now the cause of these high prices still exists, and for ought we know is likely to exist. At any rate, the peace of cotton would still continue; for a new crop could hardly get to market short of three years, and ten years of peace and prosperity could not produce the former annual production of this staple. Then wool and flax must continue at high prices for a series of years. Under these circumstances the course of the farmer is plain. He should at once commence the growing of wool and flax. If he is already in the business, let him increase his sheep-folds and his flax fields, if he would take advantage of the times to increase his substance.

BUSHES.—Bushes should never be allowed to grow in mowing fields. It is often the case that we see large and dense "clumps," or "patches," of bushes, and even small trees interspersed with bushes, growing in the midst of mowing grounds, and by the sides of fences, where they occupy, and to no advantage, and operate detrimentally upon the useful vegetation through the influence of both branches and roots. Vigorous plantations of briars and bushes are often seen vegetating in the corners of cultivated fields, as

well as thistles and other deleterious productions around stones and stumps. No correct farmer will permit his fields to be defaced by so slovenly a practice.

Every red-axe, every foot of enclosed and tillable soil should be made to produce something of value. A few days labor judiciously directed will enable one to put a new face on his field in this respect, and when the improvement has been once fairly commenced there is little danger but that it will be pursued.

HOW TO BRING UP AND KEEP UP LAND.—He who believes in manuring his land with a pocket full of some patent fertilizer must expect to reap crops of correspondingly size. The old-fashioned dunghill manure, our main reliance. And here economy must save, and industry must gather up all possible elements of fertility. The manure cellar and yard should be provided with absorbents for saving the liquids which are so valuable, and so apt to run to waste. Here will be brought large stores of manure, sods, dry pond mud, straw, tan-bark, weeds, cornstalks, which is dry enough to absorb liquids and grasses, and which will before long decompose. All these common sources have been tried and found sufficient by the most successful farmers.

HOW COLUMBUS LOOKED.—The personal appearance of Columbus was not a bad index of his character. His general air expressed the authority which he knew so well how to exercise. His light grey eyes kindled easily at subjects of interest. "He was tall and well formed. His complexion was fair and freckled, and inclined to ruddy. A trouble soon turned his light hair grey, and at thirty years of age it was quite white. Moderate in food and simple in dress, temperate in language, bearing himself with courteous and gentle gravity, religious without being a formalist, repressing his irritable temper with a lofty piety, he was the model of a Christian gentleman. The devout reference of his successes to the Divine favor, with which he concludes the report of his first voyage to the sovereigns of Castile, is highly characteristic of the man."

LIVES SAVED BY CROCODILES.—An Irish paper relates a remarkable incident that recently occurred on the river Shannon. A little pleasure boat was capsized in the deep tidalway at an angle of the river and three young ladies with their three friends of the masculine species, were at once immersed. The males were at once submerged by the specific gravity, but the females, though flung in a queer way into the water, righted at once, like those toys that, and borne erect by the natant crinoline, floated down the surface of the pellucid stream, objects of honor, regard, and admiration. The singular utility of the crinoline, owing to the stiffening, or the crinoline, was shown in the fact that it never split, collapsed, or exploded for the hundred of yards during which it carried the nymphs before the eyes of the admiring hundreds; but, on the contrary, remained spread and unruffled, like a stately bird's plumage, bearing the females into shoal water at last.

TEA BRANDS AND THEIR MEANING.—The following will interest housekeepers: "Hyson" means "before the rains," or "flourishing spring," that is, early in the spring; hence it is often called "Young Hyson." Hyson skin is composed of the refuse of other kinds, the native term for which is tea skins. Refuse of still coarser descriptions, containing many stems, is called "ten bones." "Bohea" is the name of the hills in the region where it is collected. "Pekoe," or "Poco," means "white hairs," the down of tender leaves. "Pouchong," "folded plant," "Sou-chong," "small plant," "Tunkay" is the name of a small river in the region where it is bought. "Congo," from a term signifying "labor," from the care required in its preparation.

A NEW AND CHEAP WAY TO PREPARE CURRANTS FOR INVALID USE.—Seven lbs. of currants and one pound of sugar; cook till the currants are thoroughly broken up, then strain through a colander and a thick strainer, then add the currants left on the colander, and cook as much as possible without burning. Spread the conserve thus prepared on plates or other shallow dishes, and set in the sun. Ordinarily in one day's drying the mass may be cut through, and turned to dry the other side. The drying should be continued until the pieces will not stick together if laid upon one another. The same process may be followed with sour cherries, and doubtless with blackberries. A few raspberries may be added to the currants to give flavor. A piece of this may be held in the mouth of the patient, or it may be treated with water to make a cooling drink. In either case it is far preferable to jellies, as it gives all the refreshing acidity of the fresh fruit without alloying with sugar.

DRAWING STYLE OF SINGING.—In many of our churches the hymn is an indication, whereas it should be a refreshment and a joy. The organist must show off his skill, and the slow movements of the song sometimes make one yawn. A capital reform will be accomplished when we suppress the interludes, or limit them to ten seconds, and then rouse ourselves to sing faster—a request which seemed a great improvement in the next hymn. It is an interesting fact that the idea of more rapid singing is everywhere prevalent and growing in England, and that a few years promise to secure the greatest improvement in the spirit and pleasure of public praise.—London Letter.

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